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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD COUNCIL

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1. SINCE INCEPTION OF WFC, US HAS URGED THAT COUNCIL
NARROW ITS FOCUS DURING EACH SESSION TO ONE, OR POSSIBLY
TWO, PRIORITY TOPICS. THIS APPROACH COULD BE COUPLED WITH
A TENTATIVE FIVE YEAR AGENDA TO ASSIST MEMBERS AND SECRE-
TARIAT IN LONG-TERM PLANNING. U.S. THUS STRONGLY SUPPORTS
MINISTER TANGO'S PROPOSAL IN SO FAR AS IT APPLIES TO THE
FUTURE WORK OF THE WFC. HOWEVER, GIVEN RATHER FIRM
STATUS OF THE AGENDA FOR THE THIRD SESSION AND KNOWN INTER-
EST OF VARIOUS MEMBERS IN SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS, WE BELIEVE
THAT IF THE PROPOSAL IS MADE APPLICABLE TO THE FORTHCOMING
MEETING IT COULD PROVE TO BE A CONTENTIOUS ISSUE. IN THAT
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EVENT IT COULD UNINTENTIONALLY UNDERCUT LONGER TERM EFFORTS
TO HAVE THE WFC ADOPT MORE TIGHTLY FOCUSED AGENDA. THE
US PROPOSAL REGARDING HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION WAS NOT IN-
TENDED TO DISCOURAGE DISCUSSION OF THE OTHER TOPICS.
RATHER WE HOPE TO UNDERSCORE THOSE ELEMENTS IN ALL AGENDA
AREAS THAT TOUCH UPON THE THEME OF HUNGER AND MAL-
NUTRITION. FOR EXAMPLE, WE BELIEVE THAT THE PRIMARY

PURPOSE OF TALKING ABOUT THE PROBLEMS OF FOOD TRADE IN
THE WFC IS TO EMPHASIZE HOW TRADE MIGHT CONTRIBUTE TO

THE ERADICATION OF HUNGER IN A SPECIFIC COUNTRY EITHER
THROUGH EMPLOYMENT GENERATION OR THE ENJOYMENT OF
ECONOMIES OF SCALE.

2. ACCORDINGLY, REQUEST YOU CONVEY ABOVE VIEW TO
MINISTER TANCO AND SUGGEST THAT HIS DELEGATION TO THE
PREPCOM RAISE THE PROPOSAL DURING DISCUSSION OF AGENDA
ITEM 7, "PRIORITIES FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION FOR FUTURE
SESSIONS." VANCE

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